The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
June 23, 2000

Welcome to Don Cooke!

New VP for institutional advancement begins

We are pleased to welcome Donald Cooke to the Museum as our new vice president for institutional advancement. Don attended the opening events for Sue in May and joined us full-time on Monday.

Don comes to us from the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, where since 1992 he has served as vice president for external affairs. He was responsible for all income-producing activities of the association, from fundraising to ticket and subscription sales. The orchestra has been building a new concert hall, and Don also oversaw the association's strategic planning process and the $245 million capital campaign now nearing completion.

Prior to his work for the Philadelphia Orchestra Association, Don was executive vice president for programs and planning at the Franklin Institute Science Museum. His eleven-year career at the Franklin Institute included positions as director of the Fels Planetarium, director of development, and acting director of the museum.

Don joins The Field Museum at an exciting time in its history as we look forward to another major campaign, following on our strategic planning effort of the past several months. He will be focusing immediately on re-energizing the fundraising team, jump-starting the campaign, and strengthening interdepartmental alliances.

John McCarter

PARKING ALERT

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago will be holding "Field of Faith" in Soldier Field on Saturday, June 24. The event will include Mass celebrated by Cardinal George and will be attended by about 60,000 people.

Field Museum staff should park at the Planetarium on Saturday. Monthly passes and discount coupons will be honored there, but not at the Soldier Field lots. If you try to park in Soldier Field, you will have to pay the $10 event rate.

FIELD NOTES

Week of June 26

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

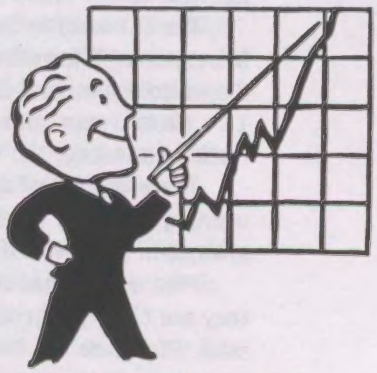
Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Museum Campus Operations Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m. at Adler Planetarium (Galileo's Café)

Public/Campus Events

Downtown Thursday Nights
- Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.

Taste of Chicago begins
- Friday



Attendance since Sue opening

May 17-20	40,512
May 21-27	78,320
May 28-June 3	89,626
June 4-10	95,965
June 11-17	83,255
Total	**387,678**

EDUCATION

Part of the World project recognized for excellence

Nancy Shuttleworth (Education) and the *Part of the World* project have received national recognition during 2000 on several fronts. In January, Nancy was one of only ten representatives invited to be a guest presenter and group facilitator at the U.S. Department of Education Fund for Improvement of Education's first annual Project Directors' meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting brought together 140 FIE project directors and Department of Education staff for the first time ever to share information and hear from individuals on the forefront of educational reform.

Further recognition was afforded the project when Nancy's presentation, entitled *Addressing the Needs of At-Risk Students through Museum-Based Programs: A Part of the World and the "Focused Field Trip"*, received final acceptance from the American Association of Museums 2000 National Program Committee for inclusion in the 2000 Annual Meeting Program held in Baltimore, Maryland, May 14-18. The presentation received many kudos for its highly interactive format. The presentation was also published in the 13th volume of *Current Trends in Audience Research and Evaluation.*

Submitted by Dina Zissimopoulos

PROTECTION SERVICES / PUBLIC SERVICES

Use it or lose it!

A reminder that the staff bike cage down in the shipping dock area is for daily storage only. There are a number of bicycles that have been there for some time, causing a space problem for the daily bicycle commuters. Any bicycle that is present at midnight July 1st will be removed and turned over to the Chicago Police Department for auction. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Submitted by Jeffrey Hawkins

DPS is on the move

The Department of Protection Services has moved into their newly constructed offices on the ground floor. Temporary signs have been placed on the doors until the "official" signage is ready. Here's how to find us.

The Administration offices which house Jeff Hawkins, Tina Augustus, the three division managers and the six shift supervisors now may be reached by using the door located in the west hallway between the west center stairs and the Education office area. The electronic key box is located near this door.

The entrance to the Access Control Office (for keys and ID badges) is located just outside the Maneater of Mfuwe/Bushman exhibit area. Please note that this office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ID pictures are taken and keys may be picked up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless special arrangements have been made in advance.

There is no staff access to the Security Console any more. To reach the Security Console for door-opening requests, to request first aid, or to find a DPS supervisor or manager, call ext. 7985. As always, in the event of an emergency dial 7999.

Please note that several doors leading into this area are for DPS and/or Public Services staff only—they are clearly marked. Even though there are ID card readers on these doors they will not work for all staff. Please do not knock on these doors—use the appropriate entrances as listed above.

Public Services moves into a new home, too

Diane White and Jackie Benitez of Public Services have also moved their offices to the same area on the lower level as Protection Services. Their entrance is located in the west hallway, near the center west stairs and the Maneater of Mfuwe exhibit.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dillon returns from Iowa

Michael Dillon, curator of flowering plants in the botany department, was an invited General Session Speaker at the 112th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science in Des Moines (April 21-22). Mike's presentation discussed research on the evolution and biogeography of South America's desert flora.

Later, Dillon returns from Peru

Mike recently returned from two months in Peru filled with meetings, field work and herbarium studies. Dillon attended the 8th Peruvian National Botanical Congress held at in Arequipa (24-28 Apr 2000) where he was an Honorary President, Conference Speaker, and in a ceremony named "padrino" (godfather or sponsor) of the newly formed herbarium at Universidad Nacional de San Agustin (Arequipa).

Next, it was off to San Martín for field studies in the eastern selva of Rí Alto Mayo, where persistent torrential rains made travel and fieldwork difficult. The final two weeks were spent in Trujillo helping edit a special congress volume of contributed papers from American and European investigators. One distraction was the Peruvian presidential runoff elections (Fujimori vs. Toledo) held on 28 May, and pre- and post-election riots were a physical manifestation of their democracy. By law, everyone eligible to vote in Peru, must vote or face a stiff fine and sanctions.

And again, Dillon.....

In May, Mike was awarded a National Science Foundation grant of $73,558 from the Biotic Surveys & Inventories Program. The project, *"Floristic Inventory of the Jalca Formations of Northern Perú"*, will study diversity and biogeography of Andean alpine plant communities over the next three years. The grant also provides equipment and fieldwork funds for his colleagues, Botany Department Research Associates, Drs. Abundio Sagástegui (Trujillo) and Isidoro Sánchez (Cajamarca).

MUSEUM AFFAIRS

Field Nights to offer something new each week

Field Nights is here again with a new twist. As part of the City of Chicago's Downtown Thursday Night program, this summer The Field Museum will offer a new after-hours event every Thursday evening, June 22 to August 17, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Visitors on Field Nights can see Sue and other exhibits indoors and join in an outdoor celebration on the northeast terrace featuring great bands, wonderful food and drink, and the best views of Chicago's lakefront. And every Field Night will end with a world class bang, as we encourage all our guests to join in a group drumming session led by Chicago's own Rhythm Revolution.

Field Nights officially kicked off last night with Chicago's best rock, funk and soul band—World Class Noise. On June 29, we'll continue the beat with Bumpus, one of Chicago's most popular bands. Event admission is $12 for the public. Food and drink are available for purchase.

There will be no admission charge for Field Museum staff for the opening weeks of June 22 and June 29. So join us and bring your friends for a weekly summer celebration at the Field. We'll provide you with updates on future Field Nights events right here in the *Natural News*.

Museum Wide Calendar

http://intranet1:100/fmevents

In an effort to coordinate all the calendars within the Museum, we are asking that anyone who is issuing a green sheet, hosting an event, or scheduling a meeting post their event information on the Museum Wide Calendar.

By posting information to the Museum Wide Calendar, coordinators will know well in advance who has what room booked and at what times. If there is a conflict, the coordinators can resolve it prior to the event date.

In the future, a centralized calendar program will be initiated called Scheduler Plus. Meanwhile, your participation in using the Museum Wide Calendar will help us assess elements that should be considered in making the transition from the Museum Wide Calendar to the Scheduler Plus Program.

To post information on the Museum Wide Calendar, please contact your department Museum Wide Calendar representative. If you do not know who the contact person is, check the Green Sheet Information intranet site at http://intranet1/gsguidelines/

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Public Services office at ext. 7911 for assistance.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

New short-term home, same long-range view

The Strategic Planning offices are moving to the swing space in the C & D dining rooms area. Those moving include Alexander Sherman and members of the Ulanov Partnership: Damayonti Sengupta, Susan Murphy, and Nicholas Ulanov. Phone numbers and affability will remain unchanged.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Laura Biddle Clarke joined The Field Museum's development office as manager of sponsorships this week. She comes to us from Columbus, Ohio, where she raised corporate support for the Wexner Center—a multidisciplinary arts center on the campus of Ohio State University. Laura earned her BA in Art History from Miami University and MA in Arts Policy and Administration from Ohio State. Laura looks forward to getting to know Field Museum staff and working on upcoming exhibit sponsorships, including **Kremlin Gold** and **Endurance**.

Submitted by Anne Haskel

NATURAL NEWS

Remember the headline deadline!

This is the second notice that we will be tightening up the weekly deadline for submissions to the *Natural News*. As it stands, the deadline for submissions for each Friday's issue is Wednesday at noon.

Beginning next Wednesday, June 28, the weekly deadline will be strictly observed. Anything submitted after Wednesday at noon will be held until the following week's issue.

The *Natural News* is an important vehicle for communication across the whole Museum. Please help us help you by submitting your articles, photographs, flyers, and meeting announcements as early as possible. As always, e-mail submissions are best. Direct them to Rodger Patience in the Development Office at <patience@fmnh.org>.